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Applicant: Yoshihiro KONAKA et al.

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Title: PROCESS OF MAKING AN
ACCELERATION DETECTING
ELEMENT

Art Unit: 2856

Examiner: H. Kwok

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3 and 4 with the following claims:

3. A vibrator according to claim 2, wherein said vibrating body has a double-frame construction obtained by connecting an inner frame to the inside of an outer frame via a coupling beam so that said vibrating body can flexibly vibrate in the Coriolis force direction, and said driving unit causes said outer frame and said inner frame to vibrate in an integral manner in the driving direction, said inner frame being constructed

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